

HB 1251 -- CRIMINAL COURT CASES

SPONSOR: Higdon

This bill allows the court to assess a \$5 surcharge on all criminal cases filed in the circuit and associate circuit courts, including violations of any county ordinance, any violation of criminal or traffic laws, or infractions. The surcharge will not be assessed when the costs are waived, to be paid by the state or county, or when a criminal proceeding or the defendant is dismissed by the court.

The bill specifies that the surcharge will be used to reimburse counties for the per day cost of incarceration of prisoners chargeable to the state.